

Annual List of Rule-Making Activity
Rules Adopted January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014
Prepared by the Secretary of State, pursuant to 5 MRSA, §8053-A, sub-§5

Agency name: Combat Sports Authority of Maine
Umbrella-Unit: **99-650**
Statutory authority: 8 MRS §523
Chapter number/title: **Part 1, Mixed Martial Arts:**
Ch. 1, General Rules for Mixed Martial Arts Competitions
Ch. 2, Technical Requirements for Mixed Martial Arts Competitions
Ch. 3, Judging/Refereeing Mixed Martial Arts Contests
Ch. 4, Rules Governing Judges for Mixed Martial Arts Contests
Ch. 5, Rules Governing Referees of Mixed Martial Arts Contests
Ch. 6, Rules Governing Promoters of Mixed Martial Arts Contests
Ch. 7, Requirements for Mixed Martial Arts Competitors
Ch. 8, Rules Governing Managers, Trainers, Seconds, Cutpersons, and Cornerpersons for Mixed Martial Arts Competitors
Ch. 9, Rules Governing Attending Physicians for Mixed Martial Arts Contests
Ch. 10, Rules Governing Inspectors for Mixed Martial Arts Contests
Ch. 11, Rules Governing Timekeepers for Mixed Martial Arts Contests
Filing number: **2014-027 thru 037**
Effective date: 3/8/2014
Type of rule: Routine technical
Emergency rule: No

Principal reason or purpose for rule:

These rules are promulgated in satisfaction of the Authority's obligations under 8 M.R.S. Ch. 20 to adopt rules to protect the health and safety of participants in mixed martial arts competitions, establish a certification process for participants in that combat sport, collect fees from authorized participants, and otherwise regulate the occurrence of mixed martial arts events in Maine.

Basis statement:

Ch. 1 through 11 set forth routine technical rules to clarify statutory terminology and its applicability, in order to provide greater guidance as to permissible activities by authorized participants in mixed martial arts events. The rules impose requirements resulting from the Authority's experience to date with regulation of mixed martial arts competitions, which has revealed the necessity to address more comprehensively regulatory concerns including safety issues for competitors and the public and the desirable ease of compliance by participants. Requirements are consistent with nationally-recognized standards. The Authority will enforce the rules through the certification, i.e., the licensing, of authorized participants and maintenance of a presence at events.

Ch. 1 sets forth general requirements for authorized participants' certifications, the location of and certain permissible activities at competitions, certain rules of competition, and the powers of members of the Authority.

Ch. 2 identifies technical requirements for competitions, including weight classifications; glove weights; fighting areas' specifications; permissible/prohibited equipment; combatants' apparel and physical appearance; round duration; and the presence of judges, referees, physicians, emergency medical technicians, inspectors, and ambulances. Provisions are designed with safety as a priority.

Ch. 3 sets forth the criteria for judging and refereeing mixed martial arts competitions.

Ch. 4 establishes the qualifications for and the duties of judges of mixed martial arts competitions.

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Ch. 5 establishes the qualifications for and duties of referees of mixed martial arts competitions.

Ch. 6 establishes the qualifications for and duties of promoters of mixed martial arts competitions. Duties imposed include responsibility for ensuring the attendance of officials; responsibility for ensuring the presence of attending physicians for the protection of combatants; responsibility for ensuring that there is an adequate police and other security presence at events; responsibility for ensuring that a venue is safe for a scheduled event; responsibility for providing adequate event liability and workers compensation insurance coverage; responsibility for ensuring that an ambulance, other medical equipment, and emergency medical technicians are available at events; responsibility for making financial disclosures, in order to protect the integrity of the sport; and responsibility for ensuring that certification and event fees are paid.

Ch. 7 establishes the qualifications for and duties of mixed martial artists. Duties imposed include responsibility for testing for the HIV virus, hepatitis, and illegal performance-enhancing substances - all for the sake of promoting the safety and health of participants and the public. Similarly, Ch. 7 provides for drug testing of competitors, in order to protect combatants. Ch. 7 mandates pre-fight and post-fight medical examinations to ensure that fighters are fit and safe. Ch. 7 also outlines certain duties of the Authority with respect to the publication and sharing of information about disciplinary actions and medical suspensions of authorized participants.

Ch. 8 establishes qualifications for and duties of managers, trainers, seconds, cutpersons, scorekeepers, and cornerpersons. It also identifies certain authorized/prohibited activities relating to those persons and the use of equipment.

Ch. 9 establishes the qualifications for and duties of attending physicians at mixed martial arts competitions. Qualifications are designed to ensure the health and safety of combatants.

Ch. 10 establishes the requirements for and duties of inspectors at mixed martial arts competitions, in order to ensure, among other things, that events proceed in an orderly and safe fashion.

Ch. 11 establishes the qualifications for and duties of timekeepers at mixed martial arts competitions.

Sources for the rules include Authority members' own experiences in the sport of mixed martial arts.

Fiscal impact of rule:

There should be no negative fiscal impact. The governing statute, 8 M.R.S. Ch. 20, provides that revenues in excess of those used for Authority operations eventually go to the General Fund. See 8 M.R.S. §525.

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Statutory authority: 8 MRS §523
Chapter number/title: **Part 1, Mixed Martial Arts:**
Ch. 12, Fees for Mixed Martial Arts Contests and Authorized Participants
Filing number: **2014-090**
Effective date: 6/6/2014
Type of rule: Major substantive
Emergency rule: No

Principal reason or purpose for rule:

These rules elaborate the regulatory scheme for mixed martial arts outlined by the Legislature in 8 M.R.S. ch. 20. They are mandated by the Legislature in 8 M.R.S. §523. They are major substantive rules adopted pursuant to 5 M.R.S. §8072.

Basis statement:

Ch. 12 sets forth major substantive rules establishing the fees required to be paid for certifications issued by the Authority. These rules are promulgated in satisfaction of the Authority's obligations to adopt rules elaborating the Legislature's regulatory scheme for boxing competitions. The Authority is required to finance its regulatory activity by imposing fees for event and participants' certification. The Authority has endeavored to set fees at a level that will allow continuation of operations without imposing a burden on authorized participants.

Fiscal impact of rule:

The fees set by these rules are the principal source of revenue for support of the regulatory measures set forth in Ch. 1 through 11 of the Authority's Rules for mixed martial arts. Ch. 1 through 11 are in separate filings with the Secretary of State. Any surplus beyond the Authority's operational costs accrues to the State pursuant to 8 M.R.S. §525.

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Umbrella-Unit: **99-650**
Statutory authority: 8 MRS §523
Chapter number/title: **Part 2, Boxing:**
Ch. 13, Fees for Boxing Events and Authorized Participants
Filing number: **2014-091**
Effective date: 6/6/2014
Type of rule: Major substantive
Emergency rule: No

Principal reason or purpose for rule:

These rules elaborate the regulatory scheme for boxing outlined by the Legislature in 8 M.R.S. ch. 20. They are mandated by the Legislature in 8 M.R.S. §523. They are major substantive rules adopted pursuant to 5 M.R.S. §8072.

Basis statement:

Ch. 13 sets forth major substantive rules establishing the fees required to be paid for certifications issued by the Authority. These rules are promulgated in satisfaction of the Authority's obligations to adopt rules elaborating the Legislature's regulatory scheme for boxing competitions. The Authority is required to finance its regulatory activity by imposing fees for event and participants' certification. The Authority has endeavored to set fees at a level that will allow continuation of operations without imposing a burden on authorized participants.

Fiscal impact of rule:

The fees set by these rules are the principal source of revenue for support of the regulatory measures set forth in Ch. 1 through 12 of the Authority's Rules for Boxing, a separate filing with the Secretary of State. Any surplus beyond the Authority's operational costs accrues to the State pursuant to 8 M.R.S. §525.